

AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.116  
U.S. Appln. No. 09/822,310

**REMARKS**

Claims 1-3 and 5-47 are all the claims pending in the application. Claims 1-3, 5-28 and 36-47 are allowed. Claims 29-31, 34 and 35 presently stand rejected. Claims 32 and 33 are objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form.


In order to expedite allowance of the present application, Applicants are hereby canceling rejected claims 29-31, 34 and 35, and rewriting claims 32 and 33 into independent form. Entry of the after Final Amendment is hereby requested.

***Conclusion***

In view of the foregoing remarks, the application is believed to be in form for immediate allowance with claims **1-3, 5-28, 32, 33 and 36-47**, and such action is hereby solicited. If any points remain in issue which the Examiner feels may be best resolved through a personal or telephone interview, he is kindly requested to **contact the undersigned** at the telephone number listed below.

The USPTO is directed and authorized to charge all required fees, except for the Issue Fee and the Publication Fee, to Deposit Account No. 19-4880. Please also credit any overpayments to said Deposit Account.

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